

Galileo IOV System Time Status

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User Performance	Specification
Frequency Accuracy (expressed as a normalised frequency offset relative to UTC, 2 sigma, over any 24 h interval)	< 3 x 10 ⁻¹³
User UTC determination uncertainty (2 sigma)	< 30 ns



Galileo System Time (GST) shall be a continuous co-ordinate time scale in a geocentric reference frame, steered towards the UTC modulo 1 second.

GST start epoch: 00:00 on Sunday August 22nd 1999 (midnight between August 21st and 22nd). At the start epoch, GST shall be ahead of UTC by thirteen (13) leap seconds.

GST-UTC = 16 s (as of 01/07/2012)

GST format as broadcast in the satellite navigation message Week Number (WN)

Seconds of Week

GST and GPSTime:

GST-UTC = GPST-UTC
WN(GST) = WN(GPSTime, w. roll-over) - 1024
Seconds of Week (GST) = Seconds of Week (GPSTime)

Galileo System Time vs. UTC mod 1 sec

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due to delay in UTC estimation (1.5 months)

not to scale

Galileo vs. BIPM, USNO, GPS

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Controlled environment (+/- 0.1°C)

Computer room

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UTC(k) and UTCpredicted vs. GST (MC) Early Results





The plot shows daily average of GST(MC) offset to the national real-time realizations of UTC, named UTC(k). The offset UTC(k)-GST(MC) is measured using TWTFT and GPS CV techniques. The real time approximation of UTC named UTCapprox is the average of the five UTC(k)'s predicted vs UTC.

UTC-GST(MC) Time and Freq. Offset Early Results

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 UTC-GST(MC) offset is evaluated monthly using BIPM Circular T

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The period of the IOV campaign is highlighted with the blue shaded area



UTC-GST(MC) Prediction Error Early Results

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GST vs. UTC (modulo 1 second) prediction accuracy

- TVF daily evaluates a prediction value for UTC-GST(MC) time offset. The prediction is broadcast in the Galileo navigation message.
- The UTC-GST(MC) prediction error is evaluated by TVF monthly when CircularT is available.
- Through-out the IOV campaign, UTC-GST(MC) prediction error remains within +/- 5 ns





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